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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, give our lawmakers strength and courage to serve You with gladness and singleness of heart. May they delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Protect them from that preoccupation with trivial things which saps the ability of the mind to deal with the things that really matter. Lord, prepare them for the role committed to their fallible hands in these challenging days, as You bring their desires and powers into conformity to Your will. May their individual lives be lighted windows amid the encircling gloom. We pray in Your righteous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, April 28, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator

from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business for 90 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The first 30 minutes will be under the control of the Republicans, the majority will control the next 30 minutes, and the remaining time will be equally divided.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the Wall Street reform legislation, with the time until 12:20 equally divided. At 12:20 p.m., the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Wall Street reform. That will be the third such vote we will have taken in the last few days.

### SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish to say a few words about one of the Senate's most senior Members but one of the newest on this side of the aisle. I have known Senator ARLEN SPECTER for many years. I have worked with him, learned from him, and admired him. He is truly a legal scholar.

Anyone who has read his books—and I have—knows Senator SPECTER's life has been a struggle. From his days as the son of immigrants in Depression-era Kansas to the treatment for Hodg-

kin's lymphoma, he has endured, while working as a full-time Senator. He has not had it easy, but he has fought hard.

I consider it a privilege to work with ARLEN SPECTER. He is a strong contributor to our caucus, a valuable Member of this body and, most importantly, a fine public servant for the people of Pennsylvania.

It would not surprise anyone to learn that over 25 years Senator SPECTER and I have not always agreed on every issue. But I have never seen another Senator with a greater willingness to work in a bipartisan manner, put people over party, and to encourage others to search their hearts and to do what is right.

Senator SPECTER has fought to end the partisanship in Washington as hard as he has fought for his constituents in Pennsylvania. He has often reminded us, in key times, including right here on the Senate floor, that we had to go in a direction he thought was important. He would tell us about that, that we were sent here to govern, not to demagogue.

He has warned his former colleagues on the other side of the aisle not to let a strategy of obstructing obscure their responsibility to govern. That is a message with particular relevance with the issue before us this week. Without Senator SPECTER's courage to reach across the aisle, we would not have passed the economic recovery plan that is pulling our Nation out of recession and putting people back to work. ARLEN SPECTER did not vote for it for political reasons; he supported it because he saw what the Great Depression did to his family. It forced the Specters to move from their home in Wichita to his aunt's home in Philadelphia. He did not want to see it slip up again and fall into a depression.

Senator SPECTER then came over to our side of the aisle and helped us pass the historic health care reform law that will help so many Americans afford to live healthier lives. When the

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